

# USDA Invasive Species



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# USDA Coordination

- USDA lead mission area - Marketing and Regulatory Programs
- Cooperate with other mission areas
  - Natural Resources and Environment
  - Research, Education and Extension
  - Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services
- Two Department level positions
  - Department Coordinator
  - Department Liaison to the National Council



# USDA Coordination

- USDA Invasive Species Coordinator's Committee
  - Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
  - Agricultural Research Service
  - Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service
  - Economic Research Service
  - Farm Service Agency
  - Forest Service
  - Natural Resource Conservation Service



# Federal Invasive Species Coordination

- Executive Order for Invasive Species
  - Purpose: to prevent introduction of invasive species; to provide for control and to minimize economic, ecological and human health impacts
  - Invasive species is an “alien species whose introduction does or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health”
  - Alien species – “with respect to a particular ecosystem, any species, including seeds, eggs, spores or other biological material capable of propagating this species, that is not native to that ecosystem”



# Executive Order for Invasive Species

- Created National Invasive Species Council
- Created Invasive Species Advisory Committee
- Required National Management Plan



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  - Defense
  - Transportation
  - Homeland Security
  - Environmental Protection Agency
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# National Invasive Species Council

- National Council Staff
  - Executive Director
  - 2 Assistant Directors
    - Domestic Policy
    - International Policy
- Operational work is done through Policy Liaison's from each department





# Interdepartmental Coordination

- Agency level committees for technical and policy staff
  - FICMNEW – Federal Interagency Committee for Noxious and Exotic Weeds
  - MINND – Managing Invasive Insects and Animal and Diseases
  - ANSTF – Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force